



SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SECOND HARVEST



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Second Harvest, Northrop Grumman, VITA and Food City Collaborate for Food Drive in Southwest Virginia

ABINGDON – The Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank will partner with Northrop Grumman, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), and Food City to help feed hungry families in Southwest Virginia.

The partners will organize the “Feed the Truck” food drive at five Food City locations in Bristol, Abingdon, Lebanon, and Damascus from Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 24, to collect foods for distribution to needy families throughout Southwest Virginia. Products needed are non-perishable food items, including cans of fruit, meat and vegetables, and bags or boxes of cereals, beans, rice, macaroni and pastas. Donations can be dropped off at the “Feed the Truck” barrels located inside the stores.

More than 25 million Americans – including nearly nine million children and three million seniors – receive emergency food assistance each year from America’s Second Harvest. America’s Second Harvest, the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States, distributes more than two billion pounds of food to 45,000 emergency food agencies each year. Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank has been collecting and distributing millions of pounds of donated food annually for the hungry or those at risk of hunger since 1981.

The Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank, Northrop Grumman and VITA partnered on a previous food drive during the 2005 holiday season.

As the Commonwealth of Virginia's largest non-retail private employer with deep roots in the state, Northrop Grumman and its partner, VITA, is honored to work with such outstanding organizations to provide assistance to Virginia families in need.

For more information about the food drive or the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank, please call 276-628-9266 or visit www.swvasecondharvest.org.

Below are the locations and dates for the food drive:

What: "Feed the Truck" Food Drive

When: Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 24, 2006

Where: The Following Food City Stores:

Bristol

1315 Euclid Avenue

100 Bonham Road

Abingdon

396 Towne Center Drive

Lebanon

654 Pittston Road

Damascus

736 N. Beaver Dam Avenue

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